APPENDIX III.

[Vide item VI (1) on page 40 supra.]

L.C. BILL No. 6 OF 1954.

(As passed by the Council.)

A Bill further to amend the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930 (Madras Act V of 1930), for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. *Short title.*—This Act may be called the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1954.

2. *Amendment of section* 6, *Madras Act V of* 1930.—In section 6 of the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930 (Madras Act V of 1930) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for sub-sections (ii) and (iii), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely :—

" (ii) (*a*) A girl who has been so removed shall be brought before a Court established under sub-section (1) of section 36 of the Madras Children Act, 1920 (Madras Act IV of 1920), or, where no such Court has been established, before a Court sitting in the manner specified in sub-section (2) of that section.

(*b*) The Court shall then make an inquiry in the manner prescribed for summons cases and if satisfied that she is living or is carrying on, or is being made to carry on, prostitution in a brothel, disorderly house or place of assignation or living in a house used for immoral purposes or in any other circumstances calculated to cause, encourage or favour prostitution and that the girl is under 18 years of age may make an order that such girl be placed until she attains the age of 21 years or for any shorter period in a rescue home or in such other custody as the Court, for reasons to be stated in writing, shall consider suitable, provided that such custody shall not be that of a person or body of a different religious persuasion from that of the girl.

(iii) Where a Court has arrived at a finding regarding the age of a girl dealt with under sub-section (ii), such age shall, for the purpose of that sub-section, be deemed to be her true age; and no order of the Court shall be deemed to be invalid or be liable to be interfered with in appeal or revision on the ground that her age had not been correctly determined."

3. *Substitution of new section for section* 9, *Madras Act V of* 1930.—For section 9 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely :—

" 9. *Importing, inducing or aiding woman or girl for prostitution.*—(1) Any person who takes or attempts to take or causes to be taken from one place to another any woman or girl with a

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view to her carrying on or being brought up to carry on the business of prostitution or causes or induces any woman or girl to carry on the business of prostitution, or aids any woman or girl in the business of prostitution shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both.

(2) An offence under this section may be inquired into or tried in any place to which the woman or girl is taken or caused to be taken or in which an attempt to take her is made, or in any place from which she is taken or caused to be taken or in any place in which she is carrying on the business of prostitution.''

4. *Amendment of section* 11, *Madras Act V of* 1930.—Section 11 of the principal Act shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) of section 11, and to that section, the following sub-section shall be added, namely :—

'' (2) An offence under this section shall be inquired into or tried in the place from which the woman or girl was induced to go or in any place to which she may have gone as a result of such inducement.''

5. *Amendment of section* 12, *Madras Act V of* 1930.—In section 12 of the principal Act, for clause (1), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :—

'' (1) in any street or public place or within sight of and in such manner as to be seen or heard from any street or public place, whether from within any house or building or not, by words, gestures, indecent exposure of her person, or otherwise, attracts or endeavours to attract attention for the purposes of prostitution or solicits or molests any person for such purposes, or ''.

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